

More important than policing "wardrobe malfunctions" or punishing people who curse on television is the duty of the FCC to make sure that television stations honor the trust put in them when they are granted public licenses. Sinclair Broadcasting is planning to violate that trust in an attempt to manipulate our democratic process by forcing its many stations nationally to broadcast a propagandistic film couched as "news" just before the November elections. The program by all accounts is very clearly intended to influence the elections, and resorts to lies and half-truths in order to do so.

Sinclair's hold over so many stations gives them and other large media conglomerates unprecedented power to shape the way Americans perceive candidates and think about different issues. I urge you to stop Sinclair's broadcast of the anti-Kerry propaganda if you can. If that is not in your purview, then I ask you to strengthen media ownership rules to discourage concentration of the media in just a few hands. We are now seeing the very present dangers of lax rules about media ownership.

Thank you.